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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir :

This is Applicants' response to the Office Action mailed December 20, 2006 for the above-identified application. A terminal disclaimer is submitted herewith. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the \$130 disclaimer fee to deposit account 50-0831.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-22 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-12 of U.S. Patent 6,764,664. This rejection is obviated by the above-referenced terminal disclaimer. As there is no other basis of rejection, Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully request early action toward that end.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any other fees due for this response or credit any overpayments to deposit account 50-0831.

Respectfully submitted,

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